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COMMITTEE IS AFTER ACTION

Interviewing President Alfred of P. M. Regarding a New Depot.

FACTS TO BE PRESENTED

Members of Council and Board of Trade are Working in Detroit Today.

A committee consisting of three members from the city council and three members of the Board of Trade left this morning for Detroit on a trip, which it is hoped will be the means of Alma's securing a new passenger depot from the Pere Marquette and Ann Arbor railroads.

Those from the council to go to Detroit were appointed two weeks ago, these being John Chick, J. M. Montiel and Nelson Fullerton. The men from the Board of Trade who are on the trip to Detroit for this purpose are C. F. Brown, president of the Board of Trade; D. L. Johnson, the secretary of the board, and H. H. Soule, the well-known contractor and builder. In addition to these men, John White, city engineer, was taken along to discuss the more intricate problems which the committee will place before the railroad officials.

The proposition for a new union passenger station for Alma will be put up to the railroad officials by the committee in a straightforward business manner, and every effort will be made to fully impress the railroads with the importance of Alma, and with its rapid growth, which warrant a better station.

If it happens that the committee finds that a new depot cannot be obtained from the railroads the matter of an addition to the present station will be taken up, but not until every possible effort has been expended for the new station.

Some of the members of the committee are feeling confident that the appeal for a new union station can be strongly impressed upon the officials in this way, and that if the depot can be secured, this business method of going after it, will be the one means which will enable the city to procure a station suitable for the city.

Yesterday a telegram was received from President Alfred of the Pere Marquette railroad, in response to a message, asking for a hearing on Thursday. He consented to meet the Alma delegation at his office in Detroit at 2:30 this afternoon.

COLLEGE WINS A HARD FOUGHT TILT

Wins Its End of Double Bill as A. H. S. Five Take Defeat from Saginaw.

Friday evening in the first end of a double bill the high school basketball quintet was defeated by the Arthur Hill five of Saginaw by a score of 17 to 13, the Hillites forging to the front in the final moments for the victory.

The locals took the lead at the start of the game and held it until well into the second half. At the end of the first half Alma was leading the Saginaw five by two points, and the fans were expecting that the team would finish on the long end of the count.

In the final half Huebner of the visiting team broke loose with five field baskets, the work of the center alone being what enabled Arthur Hill to pull a victory out of the fire.

The teamwork of the locals and their basket shooting did not seem quite up to standard in this game. Several times the ball was thrown away when a chance offered for a basket.

WAS CONVICTED

Dr. F. C. Thornburgh Convicted by Jury in Justice Myer's Court.

Following a hot two-day legal battle between C. H. Goggin, attorney for Dr. Frank C. Thornburgh of this city, and Ora L. Smith for the people, Dr. Thornburgh was convicted by a jury for a violation of the public health laws. Immediately following the conviction, notice of appeal to the circuit court was made.

The case was started last week Wednesday morning, continuing throughout the day and until late in the evening, when court was adjourned until Thursday morning. The case was then continued and held through until 11:00 p. m. when the jury returned its verdict.

The case was an outgrowth of the alleged violation by Dr. Thornburgh of the quarantine at the Worden home in October. Albert Worden had been taken ill and Dr. T. J. Carney was summoned. Feeling that the disease was Spanish influenza, notice was posted on the house to that effect. Later doctors were changed, a Mrs. Holcomb from Mt. Pleasant being called in. She in turn called in Dr. Thornburgh for consultation.

The influenza sign at the Worden home was taken down and a sign "No Influenza" appeared in its place. This was removed, and an influenza sign put up, and then this was taken down and another "No Influenza" sign appeared in its place. This was removed by the health officer and an influenza sign again put up.

Following a discussion with the health board and the mayor a warrant was secured for the arrest of Dr. Thornburgh for a violation of the health laws, and following several postponements the case was brought to trial this past week, resulting in his conviction on the charge.

TO AID IN FIGHT

That the city of Alma is to take its own part in the telephone rate war, in which the telephone companies are seeking to "standardize" their rates, was made certain Tuesday evening, when the city council appointed Ezra L. Smith to look after the city's interests in the big legal battle which is pending before the commission at Lansing.

Efforts are being made to get all of the cities affected into one working organization in order that the fight against the raise in rates by the companies may be fought to a better advantage, and because the cost, by pro-rating among the cities, would be much smaller.

GOOD MEETING

Get Together Meeting Held at the Presbyterian Church Last Evening.

A get-together meeting of the men of the First Presbyterian church was held in the church parlors last evening relative to the new era movement, which had been taken up the day previous in Saginaw.

A number of representatives of the church were in Saginaw Tuesday attending a meeting of the advocates of the new era movement. These representatives included Mrs. H. M. Crooks; Mr. Sheldon, college financial secretary; Rev. Robt. Grierson, pastor of the Eastminster chapel and Rev. Gelston of the Presbyterian church.

The subject for the meeting was the New Era Movement, and the following were the speakers and the subjects:

"The New Era, What it is and Why," Dr. Harry Means Crooks, president of Alma college.

"What the New Era Should Mean in Regard to the Sunday School," Mr. McFadden.

"What the New Era Should Mean in Regard to Church Finances," Mr. Henry Soule.

"What the New Era Means in the Evangelizing of Alma," Rev. Gelston.

Charlie Chaplin in "Shoulder Arms," Liberty Sat. and Sun.—adv.

Don't miss "A Woman's Awakening," Idehour Tuesday.—adv.

See "Good-bye Bill Holenzollern," Idehour Monday.—adv.

DeLuxe ice cream.—77-f-c.

EXCAVATION WAS STARTED MONDAY

Church of Christ Building New Place of Worship on Its Property.

To Cost About \$30,000

New Structure Will Be Located on Lot at Corner of Superior and Court Avenue.

The construction of a new \$30,000 place of worship has been started by the Church of Christ on its property at the corner of Court and East Superior streets, which promises to be one of the finest church edifices in the county, once it is completed.

The plans for the building have not been entirely developed as yet, but will be before the basement has been excavated. This work was started Monday with a large force of men. One of the reasons given by Rev. Raum for the early start on the building is the fact that a number of men are out of work, and will cheerfully work cheaply, until they can again get back at their old positions. In this way it is expected that about half of what it would ordinarily cost to excavate the basement will be saved, and that at the same time the men are being employed, instead of being idle.

The building which is to be constructed, will be about 60x90 feet, it is expected. It is to be constructed of hollow tile, brick veneered, with sandstone trimmings, and will be modern in every respect.

The size of the building, and its seating capacity will depend somewhat on the response with which the church meets in Alma. It is seeking some assistance in its efforts to construct this church, and if it meets with the response which is expected, the church will have a seating capacity of about 900, so that it may be used as an auditorium for public gatherings. Rev. Raum, when interviewed Tuesday, called attention to the fact that the city was now without a suitable place for large gatherings, a thing which is badly needed in Alma at the present time.

In case the church does not meet with the results which its quiet campaign is expected to achieve, the church will have a seating capacity of 600, and will be somewhat smaller than 60x90 feet. This will probably be definitely known within another week.

When he was asked when the church would be completed, Rev. Raum said that it would probably be fall before it would be ready for use, owing to the possible delays in the procuring of materials for construction, notably steel.

Both Rev. Raum and the members of the building committee of the church entertain high hopes that the efforts which they are making will meet with the approval of the public, and that the assistance which is needed in building the church large enough for an auditorium which will take care of a large gathering, will be forthcoming.

CAUGHT HERE

Immigration Law Evader Picked Up Here by Alma Officers.

Ambrose Buckley, a Canadian immigration law evader, was picked up here this week by Oscar Vibber, chief of police and this morning was turned over to a United States immigration officer.

The man will be returned to the border and will be deported to Canada as an undesirable citizen.

In the fall of 1917 Buckley evaded the immigration laws and came into the United States through Port Huron. Since that time an active search has been kept up for him. Some time ago he was located here, but before he could be taken, had gone to Saginaw and then Detroit.

Very recently he came back to Alma and Oscar Vibber again located him and locked him up, and notified the immigration officers who came here after him.

CHURCH FEDERATION

The Federation Council of the churches of Alma, consisting of the pastor and three lay delegates from each church, at the first regular meeting elected officers as follows: President, Rev. J. W. Priest; vice president, Carl Washburn; secretary, Henry H. Soule; treasurer, G. H. Carl. For the present there are four regular committees appointed, as follows: Community evangelism, Rev. W. L. Gelston, L. May, E. J. Merrill, Rev. Peter White and Rev. Leon Cook; committee on social service, Dr. T. J. Ewing, Rev. J. Frank Jackson, L. A. Sharp, Carl Washburn and A. M. Bartling; committee on publicity, Rev. J. S. Raum, J. A. Gerhardt, Paul Crandell, C. F. Brown, and V. P. Cash; committee on finance, G. H. Carl, Karl Adams, H. H. Soule, L. DeKruyer, L. N. Baker.

A special committee to cooperate with other organizations in welcoming the returning soldier and aiding him in securing employment was also appointed; H. H. Soule, Rev. P. A. O'Toole and Rev. Duffey being the members of this committee. The next meeting will be held April 1.

Best ice cream. DeLuxe.—77-f-c

FAREWELL BANQUET

Letter Men of College Tendered a Banquet to Coach Helmer.

A farewell banquet at the Paris Cafe to Coach Harry W. Helmer was given Friday evening by the Alma men of Alma college, and the men of the present basketball team. There was a splendid turnout of the men with their ladies from "the hill."

Several speeches were made, the theme in each case being the sterling qualities of our coach. "Don" Smith, "Eddie" Boyne, "Babe" Burtch, "Ham" Dunham, Sinclair Tebo, "Rube" Coleman, "Stub" Warner, and Miss Beatrice Koepfgen vied in paying tribute to Helmer.

The feature of the evening was the presentation to the coach of a token of regard. It was to serve as ballast for his luggage on his journey to foreign parts.

After the meal, and the speeches, were finished, the affair broke up with the college song, sung with "the old Alma pep."

BOARD OF TRADE BACKS CONCERN

Moral Support Given to Carburetor Company at Meeting Held Last Night.

SEEKS WORKING CAPITAL

Large Number of Board Members Are Buying Treasury Stock Now Offered.

An enthusiastic meeting of over sixty members of the Board of Trade was held at the First State bank last evening at which time the matters pertaining to the Western Carburetor company were taken up. Before the meeting had ended those who were present were certain that an excellent future lies before the company and the Board of Trade has endorsed the concern, and many members of the board, who were present, turned in stock subscriptions for themselves.

D. L. Johnson, who had been appointed at a recent meeting to go over the books of the company, made his report. It clearly indicated that the previous report made to the board by the officials of the company had been correct. The report was such that the entire assemblage felt certain that the Western Carburetor company is a proposition which offers a fine investment, once that it has the necessary funds needed to carry on the business.

It is the plan to take the \$60,000 worth of treasury stock and place this on the market in order to secure the funds which the company needs to enable it to carry on the business in the extensive way which will be necessary.

A lack of working capital and the war kept down the work of the company. The examination of the books revealed the fact that it had orders for 4,500 carburetors a week for a year, carburetors which could not be produced owing to the circumstances.

The sale of the treasury stock will insure a large working capital and enable the company to start quantity production at once, and the members of the Board of Trade, after hearing the reports about the concern, and feeling confident that it offered a good investment, endorsed the company, and almost every member present at the meeting agreed to lend the company his financial support. D. L. Johnson was the first man in this respect, with a stock subscription for \$500.00. There were several subscriptions during the evening for this amount, and some are forthcoming for larger amounts, and many for smaller amounts.

H. H. Prescott, a highly capable factory manager from Indianapolis will have charge of the production at the factory.

Mr. Eargle, who is located at the Wright House, will be glad to meet anyone who is interested in the stock and explain the condition of the concern to them.

THREE GAMES

Alma College Basketball Team Are Facing a Tough Week.

The Alma college basketball team are facing a hard road trip during which time Olivet, the Michigan State Normal and the M. A. C. All-Fresh are to be played.

The Olivet team will be played to-night at Olivet, while Ypsilanti will be played at Ypsilanti on Friday night. On Saturday the Maroon and Cream will tackle the All-Fresh. This combination of games furnishes the hardest week's work that the Maroon and Cream will bump up against this season.

Ypsilanti is reported fully as strong as last year, and promises to force the locals to the limit. The small score on the local court, which would seem to almost preclude a victory over the All-Fresh on their home floor.

The Olivet game is the only Michigan Intercollegiate bout of the week, and being played first the locals have every hope of being able to pull in this game. The Olivet gymnasium is a small one and will handicap the Helmerites to some extent, however. Coach Robinson believes that Alma can annex at least one of the other two games.

The entire team is in good shape for the road trip, every man being in the finest of condition for some grueling battles, and promises to make things good and lively on three different courts. Robinson will carry a good bunch of substitutes with him, and will probably use seven or eight men in each game.

TO HOLD Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE IN ALMA

Meeting for Saturday and Sunday Transferred to Alma from Ithaca.

The annual Y. M. C. A. boys' conference which had been scheduled to be held in Ithaca on Saturday and Sunday, February 8 and 9, has been changed and will be held in Alma. Meetings during the two days will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church on Prospect street.

A large number of registration cards are already coming in from the delegates who will attend the event, and a great many more are expected to be in the hands of the committee on Friday. In view of the expected large attendance at the meeting those who can entertain one, two or more boys, are requested to report to J. A. Gerhardt, so that the arrangements may be made for the boys. A committee of entertainment and registration will take care of this work under Mr. Gerhardt.

A committee has been appointed which will meet all of the trains on Saturday and greet the lads as they arrive here for the conference.

The program which has been arranged is a good one, several prominent Y. M. C. A. workers having been secured to make addresses. Among these are Lewis Reiman, a well known Y. M. C. A. worker and former captain of the University of Michigan football team; George Carhart, acting state secretary; and Walter Witt of Saginaw, for several years an attorney and now the assistant district secretary of the Saginaw district.

County Secretary Murdock stated that the Sunday evening meeting at the M. E. church would be open to the public, after the boys have been seated. The other meetings will be open on invitation only, it is understood.

The program for the two days follows:

SATURDAY

9:00-11:00—Reception of delegates; assignment of rooms.

1:00—Leaders' meeting.

1:30 Song service, led by Mr. Hosmer, Alma college.

2:45—Welcome, Lester Allen.

3:00—Response, Judson Floyd.

3:15—Devotionals, Roscoe Ely.

3:30 "Why Are We Here?", Dr. Crooks.

3:45—Conference picture.

3:45—Delegation basketball games.

3:55—"American Standard Program," Lewis Reiman.

—Night seeing.

6:30—Banquet, served by ladies of M. E. church.

Music, Alma high school orchestra. Address, Walter Witt.

SUNDAY

Every delegate asked to go to church with hostess or to church of your choice.

2:30—Song service conducted by Mr. Hosmer.

2:45—Devotionals led by F. L. Cox.

3:00—Address, George Carhart.

3:45—Delegation meetings.

4:00—Song service, Men's chorus.

4:15—Report of delegation meetings.

4:30—Address, Walter Witt.

WEATHER SUMMARY

A weather summary reported by Smith, local observer, gives a maximum temperature for February 21 degrees and a minimum of 21 degrees and a mean of 21 degrees. The month of January was the coldest in the history of the city.

Smoke the best, Wagon.—64-f

ENDORSE TEN CANDIDATES

Board of Trade Backing Business Men for Offices Under Commission Form.

Two Men for Each Office

C. R. Murphy and H. H. Soule Will Be Opposing Mayoralty Seekers at Primary.

At a meeting of the committee of the Board of Trade held Tuesday evening the names of two candidates for each of the offices of commission an for mayor were submitted, and on Wednesday night the list was heartily endorsed by the directors of the board.

The committee found some little difficulty in securing the consent of some of the men to enter the lists in the primary race for the offices, but after some little argument, those who were rather backward about it were convinced that they should run. It was pointed out to them as a duty which was owing the city.

The names of Henry H. Soule and Chas. R. Murphy were submitted as the two candidates for the mayoralty office under the commission, both men having finally been won over to make the race. The committee felt that in the choice of these two men, it had selected the best two men available to make the run, and from expressions heard around the city yesterday, the feeling is held that either man will make Alma a mayor that the city can well be proud of.

The list of commissioners submitted shows the names of only two of the present aldermanic body, these being E. L. Smith and John C. Chick. The six other men chosen to make the run by the committee bring out some of the best known business men of the city, notably Chas. G. Rhodes, Frank E. Pollack and P. W. Cresser; C. O. Ward and Floyd H. Glass, members of former councils, and A. J. Archer complete the list.

It is not yet certain which of the eight men will seek the long terms as commissioners and which will seek the two-year terms. This will be known in another week.

It is expected that the petitions for these men will be circulated at once and that they will be on file long before the time limit, February 14.

The committee feeling the need of the best possible men to get the commission form started off in the right way, used its best efforts in lining up men of experience in business and city affairs, and feels confident that it selected a list that will meet with the hearty approval of the public.

TO OPEN SOON

Gratiot Club House Will Open on Washington's Birthday.

The opening of the Gratiot club house has been postponed from Wednesday, February 12, until Saturday, February 22, owing to the fact that the work of redecorating and remodeling the building has not yet been completed and because there is no certainty that the work can be completed before the day originally set for the opening.

The floors of the various rooms have all been scraped and revarnished, giving a beautiful finish to them, and the walls are now being redecorated, making the interior of the structure look very much like a new place.

The second floor of the building will be changed over extensively. All of the partitions are to be removed and the rooms all merged into one large one, which will be used for a billiard and pool room for the club. This portion of the work has not yet been started.

The purchasing of the furniture, rugs and draperies of the clubhouse has been entrusted to H. M. Crooks and Rev. J. Frank Jackson. Those who have seen the portions of this material which has already been secured, are high in their praises over the good judgment used in their selection, and there is every indication that when the house is fitted up the various rooms will serve as fine models of what rooms in a clubhouse should be.

The lighting fixtures of the clubhouse will be a very noticeable feature, this portion of the work having been very carefully studied, and the lights will be so arranged that the best possible results will be obtained.

The committee is still seeking new members and it is probable that a number of the business men and others in the city, who have not yet been approached to join the club will be asked within the next few days to signify their willingness to join.

BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE

Michigan's great war picture, "The Battle of Vimy Ridge," will be shown at the Liberty theatre on Wednesday, February 13, as a benefit show for Company 87, Michigan State Troops. There will be a matinee in the afternoon and two shows in the evening. The proceeds from the event will go to the company fund to be used in further equipping the company and making it possible for them to obtain an armory in the near future.

LADIES ORGANIZE

The ladies of the city met at the city hall Monday afternoon and organized a branch of the Gratiot County's Equal Suffrage association. Mrs. V. H. Shepard was elected president; Mrs. Grimm, secretary; and Mrs. Margaret Allen Wood was elected treasurer. The ladies have arranged for a series of meetings which will be held between the present time and the spring election.

MANY PEOPLE ARE SENSIBLE

Some of the merchants of the county have already sold out their supply of the Gratiot County History. In such cases order direct from the author in Ithaca. Looks now as if all of them would be taken this month. There will be but a few left, that's certain. The great value of the book, with its extremely attractive price, \$1.30, appeals to every citizen who wants to know.

TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC

The tuberculosis clinic held here Thursday and Friday rendered some good results in a number of cases. Thirty-one people were examined, and a large number were turned away.

Of those examined five cases were suspicious, four incipient, three moderately advanced. In three cases the physician in charge was undetermined. A negative result showed in fourteen cases.

ARGUMENTS NEXT WEEK

It is understood that the arguments on the petition of Inez Johnson for a change of venue from the Gratiot county circuit court will be heard before Judge E. J. Moisset the first of the coming week. The petition for the change of venue has been on file for over a week. Affidavits are being secured this week to be used in connection with the arguments for the change of venue.

It will be remembered that Mrs. Johnson was one of the trio arrested in December, 1917, following the murdering of Beatrice Epler of this city on the night of September 4, 1917. Like Albert Eichorn, who was convicted, and John F. Brennan, who was found not guilty, she is facing a charge of murder.

LEUT. CHARLES DUTT IS IN GERMANY NOW

Alma Boy with Army of Occupation Writes Regarding His Experiences.

Lieutenant Charles Dutt of this city, who is with the army of occupation in Germany, has written a very interesting letter to Glen Crisp in which he tells of the march of the army of occupation to the Rhine and across the river into Germany, of the devastated regions of France, and of some of the battles in which he took part before the armistice was signed. The letter follows:

5 F. A. A. E. F.
Germany, Dec. 20th, 1919

Dear Mr. Crisp:

I have been sitting here trying to think where I was when I received your letter, but all I can remember is that it was miles and miles from here. Wherever it was I was mighty glad to get it.

You would judge from what I have said that I have traveled some. We are a part of the army of occupation, and are now about where we expect to stay, about twenty miles east of the Rhine, hiking all the way from between Beaumont and Sedan. So we have stopped in quite a few places. We have been on the road ever since the 12th of November, stopping mostly for a night at a place although a few stops were for more than one day.

At present—and I think we may stay—we are what the fellows would call "Sitting on the world." We billeted by battalions—two battalions, consisting of about 500 men and 300 horses. The town we are in numbers up to 35 houses and it looked rather doubtful at first, to get 500 men and 300 horses inside. But we have all our men in a factory and our horses split between the factory and a nearby brewery. So that left the whole town to the other battery. But to come to the "sitting" part of it properly. This factory, manufacturing emery products, was owned by two brothers. These brothers built their residences across the street. They resemble more castles or palaces than ordinary residences. They were immediately requisitioned for officers' quarters and battalion headquarters. The officers' mess is also in the dining room of one and it is a regular banquet affair every meal. Only our "bully beef" doesn't fit very well in the bright and beautiful china dishes. But I see we drew some fresh meat today so that might may be done away with. Being a "Sous" Lieut. I drew a third story bed but at that I got out of sight in it.

The treatment we have received from the German people has been none but the best but very few grumbles. Why, here they are so afraid of one house will do more than the others that they are going to have to eat a week at one then a week at another. Of course, we are not carried away by their friendliness, for they are undoubtedly trying to lighten the load which they have brought upon their shoulders.

Our trip has brought us through some very interesting country. Chief among these is the old historic battleground and city of Verdun. The city seemed in a rather strange condition in that parts of it were completely blown up while others seemed comparatively untouched. But as to the battleground outside the city where the actual battles fell, when the crown prince tried so hard and failed so costly, you can't imagine a more devastated country. There is absolutely nothing left but a mass of holes. The famous Hill 304 and Dead Man's Hill reminded one of a case of smallpox. Places where villages once stood, now a small board bearing the name marks the spot. We passed through there on a cold, windy day and I don't believe I spent a day more depressing in a long while.

Then we also passed through the Duchy of Luxembourg, which had been a free state before the war but the Germans grabbed it on the start. We marched directly across the state and hit the Moselle and our trip from then on was down the river. The country along the river is beautiful and helped to vary the monotony of the march a great deal. We came down the Moselle to the mouth and through the city of Coblenz and

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